

FISCAL NOTE

SB 3459 - HB 4001

February 13, 2008

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits racial profiling by law enforcement. Requires every law enforcement agency to adopt a written policy prohibiting racial profiling. Creates a Class C misdemeanor offense for any violation. Authorizes any person aggrieved to file suit in a court of competent jurisdiction and to seek damages and injunctive and other appropriate relief, including attorney fees and other reasonable costs.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

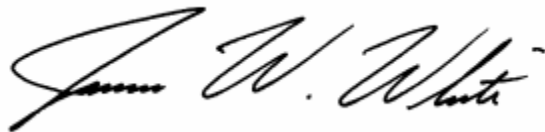
Increase Local Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- According to the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, this bill would have no impact on departmental revenue or expenditures.
- According to the Department of Safety, the Tennessee Highway Patrol currently has a policy prohibiting racial profiling. The department indicates this bill would have no impact on departmental revenue or expenditures.
- According to the Office of the Attorney General, the provisions of this bill are not expected to increase departmental expenditures by a significant amount.
- There will not be a sufficient number of prosecutions for state or local governments to experience any significant increase in expenses.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

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